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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98, a listing of a Japanese publication submitted for consideration by the PTO is provided on annexed Form PTO-1449. A legible copy of the Japanese publication listed on the Form is submitted herewith.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), a concise explanation in English of the relevance of the Japanese publication is attached.

Consideration of this information disclosure
statement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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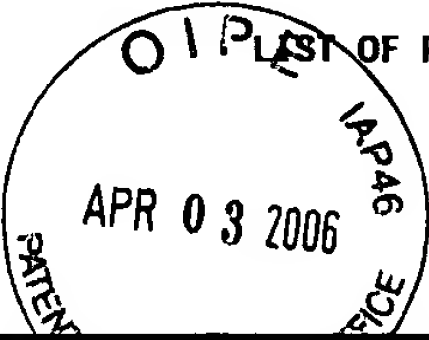
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